

Appl.No. 09/707,713
Amdt. dated October 17, 2003
Reply of Office Action of July 29, 2003

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action, claims 1-5 and 7-12 were said to be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, set forth in the Office Action.

Claims 1-5 and 7-12 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention as stated in the Office Action.


The claims have been amended to clarify the matters raised by the Examiner, thereby to overcome the rejections under 35 USC 112. The claims should be allowable now in view of the indication of allowable subject matter set forth in the Office Action.

In the event there are further issues remaining in any respect the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone attorney to reach agreement to expedite issuance of this application.


Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Since the present claims set forth the present invention patentably and distinctly, and are not taught by the cited art either taken alone or in combination, this amendment is believed to place this case in condition for allowance and the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the matter, enter this amendment, and to allow all of the claims in this case.


Respectfully submitted,
Andreas Baltes

by: 
MARTIN A. FARBER
Attorney for Applicant
Registered Representative
Registration No. 22,345

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR SECTION 1.8(a)

I hereby certify that the accompanying Amendment is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on October 17, 2003. 

Dated: October 17, 2003


MARTIN A. FARBER

866 United Nations Plaza
New York, NY 10017
(212) 758-2878